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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/24/2007, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the Group II claims 4-13 for further examination. The Group II claims are drawn to an ALS gene encoding an ALS enzyme cross-resistant to multiple herbicides, a transgenic plant comprising the gene and a method of using the gene to make the transgenic plant.

Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to attorney's deposit account # 50-2041.

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